

T Trade Routes and Plague

► Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 64–65 in the Atlas. Read the introduction. Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. What goods did northern Europeans trade? _____, _____, _____, and _____
 - b. What trade goods did Europeans get from Asia? _____, _____, and _____
 - c. What spread the plague along trade routes to the Mediterranean? _____, _____, and _____
 - d. What percentage of people in Europe died from the plague? _____

► Location

2. Use graph A, “Top 10 Cities, 1200,” to tally the number of cities in each of the regions listed below.
 - a. Southern Europe, Western Asia, _____
and Northern Africa _____
 - b. East and Southeast Asia _____

► Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Use map B, “European Trade,” to complete the following paragraph.

Traders in Europe traveled along _____ and _____ routes. Some cities in northern Europe formed an alliance called the _____ to secure control of trade in the _____ and _____ Seas. Three cities in this alliance were _____, _____, and _____. Trade in the western Mediterranean was controlled by the city of _____, while the city of _____ controlled trade between Asia and Europe. European sea routes crossed the following seas: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

➤ History Through Maps

4. Use map C, "Spread of Bubonic Plague," to sequence the following events in chronological order. Write 1 next to the event that occurred first and 7 next to the event that occurred last.

- a. Plague reaches Cologne. _____
- b. Plague breaks out in Crimea. _____
- c. Plague reaches Baltic Sea region. _____
- d. Plague reaches Venice. _____
- e. Plague begins in China. _____
- f. Plague kills more than one-third of London's population. _____
- g. Plague reaches Constantinople. _____

➤ Time and Change

5. Read the history question, "How did the plague change Europe?" and look at graph E, "Population of Europe, 800–1500." Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. By how many millions did the population of Europe grow between 800 and the strike of the plague? _____
- b. Did the largest growth in population occur—before or after the barbarian invasions ended? _____ Why do you think this was so?

- c. About how many people died from the plague? _____
- d. About how many years did it take for the population to recover from the loss due to the plague? _____
- e. How did the plague positively affect European peasants? _____

★ Thinking About History

6. Look at picture D. Why did the plague spread so easily in Venice ?

